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SUBJ: GOMEZ MORALES' RESIGNATION IMMINENT

REF: BA 3325

1. ACCORDING PRESS, CONFIRMED BY RELIABLE EMBASSY CONTACT, GOMEZ MORALES IS NOW DEFINITELY OUT AS ECONOMY MINISTER AND WILL LIKELY LEAVE POST IN A FEW WEEKS FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF PARITARIAS. (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS.) THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HE MAY BE NAMED AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. WHILE MANY CONFLICTING VERSIONS STILL CIRCULATING, WE INFORMED GOMEZ MORALES SUBMITTED RESIGNATION TO MRS. PERON AWHILE AGO AS RESULT DISSATISFACTION WITH GOA SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC AUSTERITY PLAN. LATTER REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED RESIGNATION, BUT ASKED GOMEZ MORALES TO REMAIN UNTIL PARITARIAS COMPLETED.

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3. IT IS NOW VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT SOCIAL WELFARE SECRETARY

DELESTINO RODRIGO WILL REPLACE GOMEZ MORALES AS ECON MINISTER.
REPORTEDLY, CELESTINO ROGRIGO ALREADY IS WELL ALONG IN SELECT-
ING NEW ECONOMIC TEAM TO REPLACE GOMEZ MORALES' MEN ALTHOUGH
NO NEW APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AS YET. (COMMENT:
CHANGE OF ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP IN CURRENT DIFFICULT ECONOMIC
SITUATION IS SERIOUS MATTER. GOMEZ MORALES WAS MOST PROMINENT
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL EXPERT IN PERONIST PARTY, WITH
CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION, WHILE CELESTINO RODRIGO
STILL AN UNKNOWN PERSONALITY, AT LEAST TO US. WE ARE COLLECTING
VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON HIM AND WILL CABLE DEPARTMENT SOONEST.
IN GENERAL, APPOINTMENT WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN GREATER
"SOCIAL WELFARE" EMPHASIS IN ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH MRS.
PERON ALREADY HAS CALLED HEART OF PERONISM. POLITICALLY,
APPOINTMENT REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE FURTHER EXPANSION OF
LOPEZ REGA'S ALREADY VAST POWER AND INFLUENCE(CELESTINO RODRIGO
IS LOPEZ REGA'S PROTEGE) FOLLOWING TREND NOTED BA 3425.

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